

**Arboretum Associates board meeting
11 January 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**

Present: Paul Warnick, Bill Bowler, Kris Roby, Sally Greene, Maureen Taylor Regan, Dan Johnson, Amy Ross-Davis, Joy Fisher (via telephone)

Absent: Ron Mahoney, Dave Tank, Jan Leander

Approval of the minutes – Minutes of the 11/9/15 meeting approved. Kris Roby moved to approve; Sally Greene and Dan Johnson seconded.

Gazebo – Associated Architects LLP has delivered a design for the gazebo to Ray Pankopf and it is now in the hands of the donors. Board members were confused as to why we were not consulted at an earlier stage. Maureen will ask Ray (cc Brian) to see a copy of the design and state that we had hoped to be involved in the process before this stage.

Arboretum Initiative 2015 and Artist's Rendering – There are no new developments.

Signage – This project is moving along.

ArborNotes – The latest issue is now out and has been well received.

2016 Meeting Dates – Maureen will follow up with Ray (cc Brian) about whether the Arboretum Initiative 2015 will be ready to roll-out at the annual meeting (tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 – but Maureen will check availability with 1912 Center).

Plant Sale Update – Paul stated that plants have been ordered. The preferred dahlias have sold out but there will be 100 dahlias to sell at the plant sale. We will plan to transplant mid-March (following Spring Break).

Old Business: Scavenger Hunt – Our goal is to print the Winter Scavenger Hunt by the end of the month but this may be delayed. Bill will send a copy of the current design to Amy. In the meantime, Amy will send Dan and Dave the Spring Scavenger Hunt draft to finalize the content. **Science Saturdays** – Amy will prepare a note of what is involved in running the Science Saturdays program to see if anyone would be interested in taking the lead in her absence, which Maureen will circulate. We do need to get the RFP out by next meeting. **Pond Issues** – Paul Anders, adjunct faculty in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Sciences (CNR), and Paul W. met last week to discuss the pond issue.

They discussed a few possible solutions, including dredging the pond bottom (which is not favored), collecting the plants at one corner of the pond for removal, and partnering with the mechanical engineering capstone program. This program provides Mechanical Engineering seniors an opportunity to “participate in an inter-disciplinary capstone design program along with students in electrical, computer, agricultural, and biological engineering. Teams of 3-6 students assist regional industry by designing, building, and testing working prototypes that solve manufacturing and product development problems. Projects are two semesters long and are shown to the public in a Fall Snapshot Day as well as a Spring Design Expo.” Paul W. communicated with Steven Beyerlein (Mechanical Engineering) and there is interest in this partnership, potentially bringing in Biological and Agricultural Engineering as well. Projects typically cost about \$15,000. Arboretum Associates may be asked to fund the project.

Next meeting – February 8.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Submitted by Amy Ross-Davis